GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:132
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STREAMLINING OF AAI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Chairman in the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been lying vacant for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the said post is likely to be filled; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to streamline the functioning of Airports Authority of India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) :- The post of the Chairman, Airports Authority of India [AAI] is lying vacant with effect from 1st January 2002. The process for selection and appointment to the post of Chairman, AAI was started in time, but has been delayed on account of certain requirements for compliance of orders of Delhi High Court in the Letters Patent Appeal No. 234/2001.

(c) & (d):- It is difficult to estimate the time by which the post would be filled, in view of requirements under the orders of the Hon`ble Court. However, the senior most Member of the Airports Authority of India has been entrusted with the duties and responsibilities of the post of Chairman, Airports Authority of India and the Authority is functioning smoothly.